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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
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U.S. Patent No. 4,852,516, Rubin et al.

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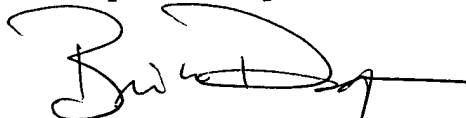
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These references are also listed on the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement (Form PTO-1449) and copies are enclosed.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this patent application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Very truly yours,

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